

MUCH PEACE TALK, NO NEGOTIATIONS.

Japanese Minister at London Has
No Information About Condi-
tions Being Made Known.

COST OF WAR HAS BEEN GREAT

War Having Been Forced on Japan
She Is Not Likely to Waive
Indemnity.

London, March 30.—Peace talk is prevalent everywhere, but that negotiations have commenced is still positively denied in all official circles here. The foreign office disclaims even having any knowledge of peace proposals. It is quite evident, however, that while the first definite steps may be taken at any minute, an advance further than indicated in the Associated Press dispatches may be postponed indefinitely.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, declared to the Associated Press this afternoon that he had no information in regard to the announcement contained in the St. Petersburg dispatches of the Associated Press, that Russia had indirectly made known to Japan the negative conditions on which peace might be concluded, namely, no cession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether peace negotiations could be begun upon that basis; but he said unreservedly that the terms mentioned could not even be the subject of discussion.

A cession of territory and an indemnity are the only points negotiable, as Japan's ante-bellum demands have already been secured by Japan.

M. Takahashi, the Japanese special financial commissioner, in an interview today, said to the Associated Press: "The war cost between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000 the first year, and it is estimated that it will cost \$350,000,000 during the present year. It would be unprecedented in the history of great wars that no indemnity and no territory be given up by the vanquished. While it is beyond my province to discuss terms of peace, I can express my personal opinion that as the war was forced upon Japan, it is not likely that she will waive the right to an indemnity and cession of territory when concluding peace. What indemnity will be demanded I cannot say, but it is my private opinion that it will at least cover the expenses of the war."

"If Russia assumes that a continuance of the war will deplete our finances before here, it will be another mistake of judgment on her part. We can maintain a sufficient army in Manchuria to keep out the Russians indefinitely, but this will necessitate Japanese remaining in Manchuria and administering the province on a war footing, which we do not desire. Manchuria is fertile and productive, and an army could be maintained there more economically than in the case of the opposing force in Siberia. If Russia is prepared for the test of a war of finances, we are willing. The longer the war lasts the more certain it will be that it will not be resumed."

M. Takahashi spoke interestingly regarding the internal conditions in China since the Sino-Japanese war. He said China was awakening. The

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government was making rapid strides along the lines on which Japan had developed. China was sending pupils abroad to study, and bringing in foreign instructors. Many of these were Japanese, and a rapprochement between the two countries was steadily being effected. The Manchus were delighted with the Japanese administration wherever it was in force, because they found no lawlessness and perfect justice.

The Chinese government, M. Takahashi added, proposes reorganizing the army of China and recreating its navy. The Japanese believe that within 10 years China will be able to defy Russia. In this connection a foreign official said to the Associated Press today that he believed Japan would occupy Harbin and also maintain the nucleus of a garrison in Manchuria by an arrangement with China for a period of years after the war. He added that there was not the slightest doubt that the Japanese would maintain the open door and refrain from all active manipulation of the Manchurian government, as they had declared at the beginning of hostilities.

WANTS PEACE WITHOUT INDEMNITY.

Paris, March 30.—Regarding the statement telegraphed from St. Petersburg that Russia's negative conditions precedent to peace negotiations have been made known to Japan, a personage who is conversant with Japan's attitude in the matter said to the Associated Press today: "Russia's evident desire for peace is observable to the world, and Japanese statesmen doubtless possess superior facilities to correctly estimate the peace tendencies in responsible Russian quarters."

"Japan knows that Russia wants peace without indemnity, without humiliation, and without rigorous terms. But this does not fulfill the requirements necessary to the initiation of peace negotiations. On the contrary, if Russia wants peace, certain definite steps are necessary."

"It is essential that Emperor Nicholas personally pronounce himself for peace, as Japan is fully aware that he is the sole autocratic power. After that, instead of a vague intimation, it will be essential to adopt the usual formulae of suing for peace."

"Concerning indemnity, no one is authorized to state the amount which Japan will claim; but it is clear that some very substantial indemnity is necessary as compensation for Russia's causing Japan to engage in a costly war."

"Concerning other terms, these are



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varying as the campaign progresses, and the taking of Vladivostok will make further material changes in the conditions on which peace will be possible."

It can be said definitely that France has not accepted an intermediary in formal approaches whereby the governments of St. Petersburg and Tokyo were several days ago made aware of the general attitude of each other.

Foreign Minister Delcasse has said within the last 24 hours that nothing whatever in the way of a tangible peace proposition from either side has come to his knowledge. He is sincerely hopeful that some such proposition will materialize, but considers the present movement entirely too vague and lacking in responsibility to inspire much prospect of success.

EYES ON WASHINGTON AND PARIS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—It is understood that the imperial commission, under the presidency of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch, which has been considering the question of prosecuting the war, has completed its preliminary report, which favors a continuation of the war, finding nothing in the present situation, either financial or military, to prevent its prosecution.

All eyes are centered on Washington and Paris, where developments are anticipated. The Washington dispatches are scanned with special eagerness. The reports of President Roosevelt's conference with Minister Takahashi and Ambassadors Jusserand and Speck von Sternburg, in spite of official denials, are believed in diplomatic circles here to relate to the opening of negotiations.

The foreign office continues to maintain that Russia has taken no official step, which certainly is literally true. There is an important admission, how-

ever, that Ambassador Jusserand, upon his own responsibility, may have given President Roosevelt the French idea of Russia's position. The French press also insists that it has no knowledge of what move, if any, has been made.

The attitude of all the parties concerned, however, is only regarded as natural at such a delicate stage when the negotiations have not actually begun.

Gen. Linevitch has issued the following address to his soldiers: "The emperor has been pleased to appoint me commander-in-chief of the Manchurian armies. In many battles, those of the rivers Shalke and Hun; at Poutoufou and Novogorod hills; at the front at Kandulsen and Gangu passes, and on the Mukden positions, you have most bravely repulsed most serious attacks by the enemy and dealt enormous losses. Let every man accomplish manfully his sacred duty to the emperor and the fatherland. The enemy cannot hold out before Russian valor, and reinforcements are coming. Unceasingly from Russia, May God help you in the coming battle."

RUMORS IN JAPAN.

Tokio, March 30.—The various rumors of peace negotiations emanating from Europe and the United States are widely published and commented on here. Apparently they do not affect the attitude of the Japanese government and people toward the war. The press echoes the announced determination of Japan to vigorously push the military operations, unimpaired and undeterred by discussions of events in Russia or elsewhere.

The Jiji declared that the Slav reverses have not affected Russia. Emperor Nicholas, the paper adds, is unwilling to sacrifice the prestige of his house or surrender the position of controlling influence Russia has heretofore held over the powers of Europe. Field Marshal Oyama's army will continue its forward movement, and not give Russia a breathing moment.

The Kokumin pronounces the war to be senseless and wasteful on the part of Russia, but the paper says, if she chooses to shut her eyes to the light of reason, Japan will profit by her blunders.

The Nichi Nichi says France alone is capable of taking the initiative in persuading Russia to negotiate for peace, but the Nichi Nichi doubts if Russia would accept France's advice, "because the peace terms will mean the death of the bureaucracy and the bureaucracy is not committing suicide."

In conclusion the Nichi Nichi says: "In the meantime the Japanese army and navy will continue preparations for the year's campaign. Fresh levies are constantly departing for the front, the lines of transportation are extending to the northward, Manchuria and the guards of the fighting columns are following the retreating Russians northward."

Interest in the war is partly shifting eastward. It is reported that the Russians plan to abandon the island of Saghalin when the harbors are free of ice.

The Russians are strengthening the defensive positions north of the Tumen river, Korea, in the vicinity of Hunchun, northwest of Poesiet bay and at points on the railroad in the vicinity of Ninguta, 160 miles east by north of Kirin. A good highway extends from Poesiet bay northward to Ninguta, where it joins the Kirin road.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS.

Plans for Elaborate Supplemental System for New York.

New York, March 30.—An elaborate supplemental system of underground railway lines in Greater New York, which, if constructed on the plans suggested, will entail an expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, was outlined in a report submitted today to the Rapid Transit commission by the committee on plans and contracts.

Fourteen separate routes are provided for in the plans. They include two additional subways extending the full length of Manhattan island, one of them reaching into the Bronx, several lines through Manhattan above Forty-second street, and a number of cross-town lines, between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth street; a tunnel under East river connecting Manhattan with the borough of Brooklyn; subway loops to the Williamsburg and Brooklyn bridges, and an elaborate system of tunnels extending to various points in the borough of Brooklyn.

The committee says that it had received assurances that more than one interest is prepared to construct and operate rapid transit railroads without calling upon the city to advance its credit.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED.

Killed Fireman, Injured Engineer and Brakeman.

El Paso, Tex., March 30.—The locomotive of a freight train on the Mexican Central exploded last night, four miles below Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, opposite the city of El Paso. The explosion, blowing him 200 feet away, and fearfully injuring Engineer Martin J. Campbell and Brakeman John Santano, all of Chihuahua, Mexico.

SAN DOMINGO'S DEBTS.

The Prospect of Their Payment Causes a Better Feeling.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 30.—The proposition of Santo Domingo for the payment of the foreign creditors of the republic as finally revised, contemplates the payment to the government of 45 per cent of the customs revenues for current expenses, the remaining 55 per cent to be deposited in a bank in the United States for the creditors and to remain in such depository until the American senate and the Dominican congress act upon the Dawson-Sanchez convention; then, if the convention is ratified, the moneys on deposit to be paid to the creditors in full proportion, but if the convention is rejected the moneys shall be handed over to the Dominican government for the payment of creditors, as may be agreed upon between the government and the creditors.

Under the proposed plan the American government will appoint a receiver of the customs revenues. Pending decision as to the fate of the convention all payment of claims will be suspended. All duties, including port charges, will be payable in American dollars.

The government tomorrow will call a meeting of its creditors and lay the proposition before them for their approval. There seems to be no doubt in the acceptance of the plan.

The prospect of an amicable adjustment of the debt questions, all creditors being placed on an equal footing, has resulted in the establishment of a better feeling here. The country is tranquil.

Reinforcements Asked For.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The municipality of Yalta, Crimea, has asked the government for reinforcements of troops and police.

Claims Against San Domingo.

Washington, March 30.—The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor, has called on Acting Secy. of State Adee respecting the international agreement which had been prepared governing the collection and disbursement of the Dominican customs duties. Italy, the United States, has claims against the Dominican government in behalf of citizens, based upon arbitral awards, but the Italian government has been perfectly willing that these claims should stand

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From Ogden, Cache Valley, St. Anthony, Portland, and San Francisco: 7:40 p.m.

DEPART.
For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and intermediate points: 7:00 a.m.
For Ogden, Portland, St. Anthony, San Francisco and intermediate points: 10:20 a.m.
For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, and San Francisco: 1:10 p.m.
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From Provo, American Fork, Lehi, Juab, Milford, Frisco, Caliente and intermediate points 1:45 a. m.
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